Delhi and Bombay Doordarshan Kendra; and

(b) if so, the nature of scandal/scam for which raid was made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) During a surprise check of a few Doordarshan Offices at Delhi, CBI have seized some official documents. Subsequently, CBI have also obtained some official documents from Doordarshan Kendra, Bombay.

(b) The C.B.I. report has not been received so far.

Foreign Tourists

144. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken to increase the arrival of foreign tourists in the country;

(b) if so, the number of foreign tourists arrived in the country as on 30th June, 1995;

(c) the percentage of increse in the arrival of foreign tourists in comparison to the previous year; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Promotion of Tourism is an on-going process. Steps taken to promote and market India in Overseas Market include advertising through print and electronic media, printing and distribution of publicity material, extending support to Tour Operators and Travel Agents, promote Air Charters for tourists, participation in Fairs and Festivals, promotion through Direct mail and highlighting the tourist attractions of the country through films, Audio Visuals, Posters, Multi-vision Presentations, and through P. R. and personal contracts. Financial outlays have been substantially stepped up in recent years.

(b) to (d) Tourist Statistics are maintained on a Calendar Year basis. The provisional figure of tourist arrivals as on 30th June, 1995 was 9,70,989, recording a growth of 3.3% in the number of tourist arrivals over the corresponding period last year.

Leasing of land by National Airports Authority

145. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: DR. BAPU KALDATE: SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether massive bungling and corruption in the laeasing of surplus airport land by the National Airports Authority (NAA) for commercial purposes has come to Government's notice as reported in the 'Indian Express' dated 28th and 29th January, 1995;

(b) if so, the details therefor; and

(c) the present position in regard to leasing of NAA land at Hyderbad Airport and the action taken/likely to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Government's notice has been drawn to the report in the Indian Express dated 28th and 29th June, 1995.

(b) and (c) The Chief Vigilance Officer of the Airports Authority of India (National Airports Division) in his investigation report has pointed out irregularities in the leasing of land to M/s. Shri Shakti Resorts & Hotels Ltd. at Hyderabad Airport. The report is under examination of the Government.